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**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION FOR REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Sir:

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a final Office Action, dated March 16, 2006 (hereinafter, the "Office Action"), in this Application. The Application is currently pending. In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants filed a Response on May 16, 2006. An Advisory Action was issued, mailed May 25, 2006 (hereinafter, the "Advisory Action"), in which it was stated that the proposed amendments were not entered for allegedly raising new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, and for not placing the application in better form for appeal. The present Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Extension of Time are timely filed. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be considered as the required submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, and that Examiner reconsider the application and withdraw the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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